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SUBJECT: NEPALI DELEGATION TO WCIWY

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1. NEPALI DELEGATION TO INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE FOR INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR (WCIWY) WILL BE LED BY MRS. MALAL RANA AND WILL INCLUDE MRS. INU ARYAL AND MR. SUNDER NATH BHATTARAI.

2. MRS. RANA, A FORMER IVP GRANTEE TO THE U.S. (QOYWLN HAS BEEN THE MAJOR FORCE BEHIND THE NEPALI WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION. ACTIVE IN POLITICAL AFFAIRS SINCE 1952, SHE WAS UNTIL RECENTLY A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL PANCHAYAT (NEPAL'S LEGISLATURE). SHE HAS TRAVELED ABROAD EXTENSIVELY AND HAS MADE A NUMBER OF FRIENDS IN THE WOMEN'S RIGHTS MOVEMENT. SHE IS SOCIABLE, IF A BIT ALOOF, ATTRACTIVE, AND SPEAKS GOOD ENGLISH. SHE IS MARRIED INTO THE ARISTOCRATIC RANA FAMILY AND IS THE SISTER OF FORMER FONMIN AND AMBASSADOR TO U.S. RISHIKESH SHAH.

3. MR. SUNDER NATH BHATTARAI IS AN UNDERSECRETARY IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS WITH EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCE IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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UNITED NATIONS AFFAIRS. HE RECEIVED A PARTIAL IVP

GRANT (1974) FOLLOWING HIS WORK AT THE 1974 UNGA. HE IS CAPABLE AND INTELLIGENT AND USUALLY VERY KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT THE POLITICAL NUANCES OF A BROAD RANGE OF UN QUESTIONS. HE PRESUMABLY WILL BE ATTACHED TO THE NEPALI DELEGATION AS A POLITICAL ADVISOR.

4. MRS. INU ARYAL IS CURRENTLY EMPLOYED BY THE NATIONAL INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION IN KATHMANDU. NO OTHER INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE.

5. FOR CU: AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE (REFTEL B) CHAIRMAN OF NEPALI WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION MRS. DHUNGANA WILL BE ATTENDING MEETING OF FAMILY PLANNING INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE TO BE HELD MEXICO CITY CONCURRENTLY WITH WCIWY. MRS. DHUNGANA TOLD EMBOFF THAT SHE UNDERSTOOD MRS. SUSHILA THAPA, PRESENTLY IN U.S. ON IVP GRANT, WILL ALSO ATTEND FAMILY PLANNING CONFERENCE. WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO CONFIRM THIS BUT WISH TO ALERT DEPARTMENT TO POSSIBILITY THAT THAPA WILL CHANGE HER DEPARTURE DATES FROM U.S. IN ORDER TO ATTEND MEXICO MEETING.
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